

A G E N D A

City Council Meeting

Monday, November 16, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

➤ **OPENING**

- **Call to Order**
- **Devotional**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call**

➤ **RECEIVE INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Informal Public Comment – Speaker Protocol

The City of Garden City believes that any member of the general public should be afforded the opportunity to address the City Council provided that designated rules are followed by the speaker. Any member of the public who wishes to address the City Council and offer public comment on items within the City Council's jurisdiction, may do so during the Informal Public Comment period of the meeting. However, no formal action will be taken on matters that are not part of the posted agenda. Informal Public Comments are scheduled for a total of fifteen (15) minutes and each person will be limited to three (3) minutes. In order to ensure the opportunity for all those desiring to speak before the Council, there is no yielding of time to another speaker. Speakers not heard during the limited fifteen (15) minute period will be first to present their comments at the next Council meeting. The opportunity to address City Council on a topic of his/her choice shall be used by an individual only one (1) time per month. It may not be used to continue discussion on an agenda item that has already been held as a public hearing. Matters under negotiation, litigation, or related to personnel will not be discussed. If a member of the general public would like to address the City Council during the Informal Public Comment portion of the meeting, please respectfully indicate your desire to address the City Council when the Mayor solicits members of the general public to come forward and speak. You will be recognized by the Mayor and asked to come forward to the podium so that you can address the City Council in accordance with the rules outlined herein. Once the speaker has been recognized to speak, he/she will be given three (3) minutes to address the City Council. The speaker should not attempt to engage the City Council and/or Staff in a discussion/dialogue and the speaker should not ask specific questions with the expectation that an immediate answer will be provided as part of the three (3) minute time frame since that is not the intent of the Informal Public Comment period. If the speaker poses a question or makes a request of the City, the Mayor may refer the issue or request to the City Manager for follow up. At the conclusion of the three (3) minute time period, the speaker will be notified that his/her time has elapsed and the next speaker will be recognized to come forward to the podium and address the City Council. The Mayor may rule out of order any Speaker who uses abusive or indecorous language, if the subject matter does not pertain to the City of Garden City, or if the Speaker(s) attempts to engage the City Council Members in a discussion or dialogue on issues. City Council shall not discuss non-agendized matters because it does not give the public adequate notice. Accordingly, City Council shall be limited to asking factual and clarifying questions of staff, and when appropriate, the Council may consider placing a matter on a future agenda. In addition, it is not reasonable to expect staff to respond to any of a variety of issues on which they may or may not be prepared to respond to on a moment's notice, so the City Manager may respond, or direct staff to respond at a later time.

➤ RECEIVE FORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Formal Public Comment – City Council Agenda Protocol

The City of Garden City has identified this portion of the meeting to allow individuals an opportunity to formally address the City Council on issues hear issues of importance. Garden City requires that individuals who desire to formally address the City Council submit a written request form outlining the subject matter that they intend to discuss so that they can be placed on the meeting agenda. Members of the public desiring to be placed on the agenda to present or address matters to the City Council must submit a formal ***“REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA”*** form to the Office of the City Manager at least 10 days prior to the requested City Council meeting date that you wish to speak. City Council meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month so the request must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on the Friday which constitutes 10 days prior. The request can be done in person, regular mail, fax or e-mail and the speaker should obtain acknowledgement of the request from the City to demonstrate that the 10 day requirement has been met. The request form may be obtained from the Office of the City Manager and on the City’s website www.gardencity-ga.gov. The request should state the name of the individual(s) desiring to be heard and the subject matter to be presented to City Council. Requests may be referred at the discretion of the City Manager, to appropriate staff for mediation prior to being placed on the public agenda. Please be advised the completion of a request form does not entitle the speaker to be added to the agenda.

➤ CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS

Speaking to a Public Hearing Item

In the interests of time and to ensure fairness of all persons who appear before the City Council to speak for or against a public hearing item, speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes each to address City Council except as described herein. One speaker for the Petitioner may address the City Council for no more than 10 minutes, unless extended by the Mayor. In an effort help the City Council and the general public to better understand the issues, the Mayor may request that a City staff member address the City Council from the podium. Speakers from the general public may only speak when recognized by the Mayor during the public hearing. Speakers will be asked to come to the podium to address the City Council for three (3) minutes and they shall state their name and resident address for the record.

Speakers addressing City Council on a public hearing item should coordinate comments to respect City Council’s time limits. Groups should select a spokesperson to present the major points that summarize their position and opinions. Speakers are urged to be brief and non-repetitive with their comments. Comments shall specifically address the public hearing item before the City Council, and the speaker shall maintain appropriate tone and decorum when addressing the City Council. City Council may ask questions of the applicant, speakers, or staff during these proceedings only for the purpose of clarifying information. The speaker shall not direct derogatory comments to any individual, organization, or business. At the conclusion of the three (3) minute time period, the speaker will be notified that his/her time has elapsed and the next speaker will be recognized to come forward to the podium and address the City Council. Once the public hearing is closed on an item, there will be no further opportunity for formal or informal public input at a City Council meeting.

Public Hearings:

- **PC1518, Zoning Map Amendment:** Receipt of public comment on a request by Garden City Convenience LLC representing Ganesh 4801 LLC, to rezone 4801 Augusta Road from C-2 to C-2A.
- **PC1520, Zoning Text Amendment:** Receipt of public comment on a text zoning amendment to enact Article VI Section 50-100 – Section 50-109 Business Trailers.
- **FY2016 Proposed Operating & Capital Budget:** City Manager will present the proposed FY2016 Operating & Capital Budget for public comment.

➤ **Approval of City Council Minutes**

- **Consideration of City Council Minutes dated 11/2/15 and Workshop Synopsis dated 11/9/15.**

➤ **RECEIVE STAFF REPORTS**

- Receive Monthly Status Report from Director of Planning, Zoning & Building
- Receive Monthly Status Report from Director of Water Operations
- Receive Monthly Status Report from Chief of Police
- Receive Monthly Status Report from Fire Chief
- City Manager Updates

➤ **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- **First Reading, Ordinance Text Amendment (Railroad Crossing Obstruction):** An ordinance to amend Article IV of Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, relating to railroads, by declaring the obstruction of a public street by a railroad to be a nuisance and a hazard and a danger to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City; prohibiting the obstruction of City streets by railroads; providing exceptions to such prohibitions; delegating responsibility of maintenance for railroad crossings; providing penalties; repealing all ordinances, and parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith; and for other purposes.
- **Resolution, Alcohol License Renewals (2016 Calendar Year):** A resolution by the Mayor and Council of Garden City, Georgia, to authorize renewal of Garden City alcohol licenses for the 2016 calendar year; to provide for review and limited investigation of said license holders; and for other purposes.
- **Resolution, Urban Redevelopment Plan - Statement of Need:** A resolution to state the need for establishment of redevelopment areas within the City of Garden City; to describe the boundaries and the redevelopment areas; to cause a redevelopment plan to be prepared for said areas; and for other purposes.

- **Resolution, Disposition of GCFD 1979 Fire Pumper Truck:** A resolution to provide for the disposition of the City's 1979 Fire Pumper Truck through transfer to Savannah Technical College of Savannah, Georgia.
- **Resolution, Disposition of GCFD 1988 Fire Rescue Truck:** A resolution to provide for the disposition of the City's 1988 Fire Rescue Truck to the highest bid in the amount of **\$3,010.00** offered through the GovDeals Internet Auction Service and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents to transfer the vehicle's title to the successful bidder in exchange for receipt of the bid amount.
- **Resolution, GMEBS Defined Retirement Plan Modification:** A resolution to modify the City's Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System ("GMEBS") defined benefit retirement plan for the purpose of providing for normal retirement at age fifty-five (55) with twenty (20) years of service.
- **Resolution, Vacant At-Large Council Seat Appointment:** A resolution by the Mayor and Council to appoint Bessie Kicklighter to fill the vacant at-large Council seat vacated by Scott George, effective January 4, 2016, with a term to expire on December 13, 2017.
- **Resolution, Amendment to City Council Meeting Schedule:** A resolution to amend the regular meeting schedule of City Council; to eliminate the December 21, 2015 regular meeting of City Council; to establish a special meeting of City Council on January 4, 2016 for the purpose of holding the inauguration ceremony of the Mayor and City Council Members; to eliminate the January 18, 2016 regular meeting of City Council in observance of Martin Luther King Jr., Day; and to establish a meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

➤ **ADJOURN**